

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1-6, 9-14, 18-21, 23-25 and 27-29 to remove multiple dependencies and reference numerals and to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been presented.

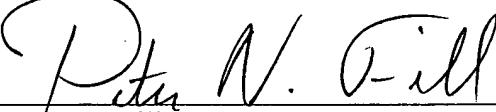
Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered prior to calculation of the application filing fee and examination on the merits. An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4225. A DUPLICATE OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4225. A DUPLICATE OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

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